

## Antiviral Treatment Prescribed

*This measure is to be reported for all patients aged 18 years and older with chronic hepatitis C — a minimum of **once** per reporting period.*

### Measure description

Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of chronic hepatitis C who were prescribed<sup>1</sup> peginterferon and ribavirin therapy within the 12-month reporting period

### What will you need to report for each patient with chronic hepatitis C for this measure?

If you select this measure for reporting, you will report:

- Whether or not you prescribed peginterferon and ribavirin therapy

### What if this process or outcome of care is not appropriate for your patient?

There may be times when it is not appropriate to prescribe peginterferon and ribavirin therapy, due to:

- Medical reasons (eg, not indicated, contraindicated, other medical reason) OR
- Patient reasons (eg, patient declined, economic, social, religious, other patient reason) OR
- System reasons (eg, resources to perform the services not available, insurance coverage/payer-related limitations, or other reason attributable to health care delivery system)

In these cases, you will need to indicate which reason applies, and specify the reason on the worksheet and in the medical chart. The office/billing staff will then report a code with a modifier that represents these valid reasons (also called exclusions).

<sup>1</sup>“Prescribed” may include prescription given to the patient for peginterferon and ribavirin therapy at one or more visits in the 12-month period OR patient already taking peginterferon and ribavirin therapy as documented in current medication list.